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Dear Ms. Shirley:

Re: OI-212/JVV:mu

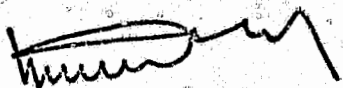
I thank you for your letter of September 18th (copy enclosed) which arrived during my lengthy absence abroad.

I shall be grateful if you will be kind enough to expand upon the penultimate paragraph. What steps have been taken to collect the claim for damage to the ship? What is the amount of the claim? Has the Government of Israel offered any explanation for its non-payment of the claim? Does it deny responsibility or simply question the amount? What was the date of the last U.S. request for payment?

In my earlier letter, I pointed out that it is now 8-1/2 years since the Liberty incident and, any possible security considerations having long disappeared, asked if I may now have access to the file on the Inquiry.

Thank you for your help with my research.

Very truly yours,


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